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recruits for the Communist Party among members of the International Workers Order. This informant stated that [ ] said she had been charged by the Chicago Executive Board of the Communist Party with the responsibility of organizing negroes throughout the nation into an autonomist national group society and that subject was working with her in this connection.

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Confidential Informant [ ] of Chicago, reported on March 6, 1945 that [ ] organizer for the South Side Council, Communist Political Association, told this informant that DAVIS was at that time a member of the Communist Political Association in Chicago.

On May 22, 1945, Confidential Informant [ ] furnished information that subject was at that time a member of the Carver Second Ward, West, Communist Political Association Club of Chicago, Illinois. Information was received from the Kansas City Office, as furnished to that office by Confidential Informant [ ] in May, 1949. According to this informant, WALTER S. STEELE, Editor of the National Republican, had testified before the Un-American Activities Committee, that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was a faculty member of the Abraham Lincoln School, a Communist Front organization where Communist philosophy is taught, in Chicago, Illinois. STEELE was said to have described DAVIS as the leader of the American Negro Congress, which he said is alleged to have become chiefly financed by the Communist Party. He further testified that DAVIS at one time was a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Star which he described as a left-wing publication, backed by the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant [ ] reported that [ ] subject's wife, was a member of the Paul Robeson Communist Party Club in Chicago, Illinois and her membership number for 1947 was 62109.

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#### IV. ADMISSIONS OF MEMBERSHIP IN FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

On December 11, 1948, DAVIS admitted to [ ] previously referred to, that he was on the "Washington Subversive List" because of his affiliation with the Abraham Lincoln School of Chicago, the American Youth for Democracy and the Civil Rights Congress. DAVIS stated that he has taught art classes at the Abraham Lincoln School, said he is an officer in the American Youth for Democracy and is a functionary of the Civil Rights Congress.

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All of the above have been declared Communist organizations by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[ ] advised that the subject on April 27, 1949, admitted he is a member of the HAWAII CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE, which was declared as a Communist organization by the Attorney General on April 21, 1949.

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V. ACTIVITIES IN THE HAWAII CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (HCLC)

Reliable Confidential Informant [ ] who has been a member of the HCLC since its inception, described it as a Communist Party organization established in Honolulu on December 8, 1947 to agitate in behalf of [ ] after they had been suspended as school teachers on November 25, 1947 for Communist activities. In the late summer of 1948, [ ] admitted to Confidential Informant [ ] that she is an active member of the Communist Party of Hawaii. [ ] in an attempt to recruit [ ] for membership in the Communist Party, told informant that if he were to become a member of the Communist Party in Hawaii, it would be necessary to participate in the general membership meetings of the HCLC and to become a member of one of the various HCLC sub committees.

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On April 21, 1949, the HCLC was listed by the Attorney General of the United States as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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The records of Pan American Airways reflect that subject and his wife arrived in Honolulu on December 8, 1948 from Chicago, Illinois.

[ ] previously referred to, ascertained from DAVIS on December 11, 1948, that he had been invited that day by [ ] to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the HCLC on December 13, 1948. DAVIS expressed himself as gratified at the offer and made plans to attend the meeting. [ ] who is a member of the HCLC, advised that the Executive Committee is supposedly made up of the officers of this organization, together with the Chairman of the various sub-committees.

Confidential Informant [ ] was present when [ ] and [ ] were discussing the subject on December 13, 1948 as to whether he should be permitted to attend the Executive Committee meeting of the HCLC scheduled for that night. [ ] stated that [ ] told him that the subject "seems to be okay". It was finally agreed between them that [ ] would take DAVIS to the meeting that night but would arrive a little late so that they could finish some routine business first.

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[redacted] who was Chairman of the HCLC for the year 1948, has been identified as a member of the Communist Party by [redacted] self admitted member who made this identification to [redacted] Chairman for 1949, was known to conduct a Marxist Discussion Group at his home from February through June, 1948. This information was furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] who advised that the text of this course was Soviet Philosophy by JOHN SUMMERVILLE.

[redacted] reported that the subject gave a short speech at the first anniversary reception and dance held by the HCLC on January 22, 1949 at Kulamau Pavillion in Honolulu. During this speech he pledged to work with and cooperate with the HCLC during 1949. According to this informant, subject spent most of the evening in the company of [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] Hanapepe, Kauai, self admitted ex-Communist from 1938 to 1946 and author of the pamphlet, "THE TRUTH ABOUT COMMUNISM IN HAWAII" has identified both McELRATH and FUJIMOTO as members of the Territorial Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Hawaii for 1946 and has identified JEANNETTE HYUN as a member of the Communist Party.

On October 15, 1948, CHARLES FUJIMOTO publicly announced that he is the head of the Communist Party of Hawaii. The HONOLULU RECORD, in its edition of January 27, 1949, carried a front page article on the HCLC's first anniversary celebration. In reporting the speech of the subject, the article states:

"In likening the local civil rights fight to that on the mainland, he mentioned discrimination and attacks against the negro people, the people of oriental descent and those belonging to minority political parties. In this connection he mentioned the case of the twelve indicted Communist leaders."

Confidential Informant [redacted] in a report of the HCLC meeting on March 21, 1949, advised that the subject was present and gave a short talk on the "Trenton Six". This case, according to DAVIS, involves six negroes who are being held on a murder charge in Trenton, New Jersey as the result of the death of a white man. He stated that he is making an appeal for the defense of them as a representative of the Civil Rights Congress. He stated that PAUL ROBESON was chairman of the "Trenton Six" Defense Committee in New York City and that all money raised in Hawaii for this cause would be sent to him in care of the Civil Rights Congress Headquarters in New York.

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Following DAVIS' talk, CHARLES FUJIMOTO publicly admitted head of the Communist Party in Hawaii, made the motion that the HCLC send \$25.00 to ROBESON for the "Trenton Six". His motion was passed unanimously.

Special Agent J. PHILIP O'BRIEN, identified the subject as present at the morning session of the Territorial Senate on March 25, 1949 at which time a hearing was held on the matter of a Hold-Over Committee which included a provision for this Committee to investigate Un-American activities in the Territory.

[ ] previously advised that efforts to defeat any attempt to establish an Un-American Activities Committee in the Territory of Hawaii was the primary consideration of the HCLC in the Spring of 1949. Confidential Informant [ ] and [ ] both informed that there was considerable agitation among the Communist Party circles to back the March 25, 1949 session of the Senate and by supporting those who appeared in opposition to the Hold-Over Committee Bill. Special Agent J. PHILIP O'BRIEN noted many members of the Communist Party of Hawaii present at this meeting.

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On April 26, 1949, the HCLC sponsored a half-hour radio broadcast. Among the participants in this broadcast were, ROBERT GREENE, HARRIET BOUSLOG, MARSHALL McEVEN and FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

The announced purpose of this broadcast was to bring to the people an appraisal of the 1949 session of the legislature in regard to civil liberties. The sponsors all stressed the need for an anti-discrimination bill in Hawaii while opposing the following:

A Senate Bill which would permit any Legislator to obtain information from the files of the Department of Public Welfare.

A Bill which would require all male applicants between 17 and 45 applying for relief to enter a sort of Civilian Conservation Corps under the National Guard

A Bill to set up an Un-American Activities Committee

A Bill which states that all Territory of Hawaii Civil Service employees must swear that they have not been a member of the Communist Party during the past five years.

A New Assembly and Riot Bill

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In speaking against the Un-American Activities Committee,  
DAVIS said:

"Well, I might say, that as a newspaperman I have been observing these un-American activities and I have yet to find one that was not itself more un-American than the activities it proposes to investigate. I think that gives my opinion of them. I have seen these committees used to neutralize efforts of various groups and particularly minority groups, to get equal rights under the Constitution. And, on the mainland for instance, the Un-American activities committee have been chairmanned by individuals who are most interested in seeing that, for instance, Negroes did not have the right to vote -- such persons as Rankin of Mississippi, Martin Dies of Texas and now WOOD of Georgia, come from areas which are opposed to the extension of full civil rights to Negroes and to other minority groups, and the rare definition of Americanism is, I fear, considerably different from mine."

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that on April 27, 1949 following the first press releases that the HCLC had been listed as a Communist organization by the attorney general, the subject issued the following statement for the press release:

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"According to the Dixiecrats, Truman's whole Civil Rights program is Communistic. TOM CLARK is from Texas and seems never to have lost the ideas of the South which oppose equality for all people. Any organization therefore, which would do away with white supremacy and extend democracy to all, regardless of color, creed or national origin, is 'subversive' according to this twisted and fake standard of Americanism. It is not surprising then, that TOM CLARK can look to Hawaii and label 'communistic' an organization fighting against Jim Crow and discrimination and for equality for all persons under the Constitution regardless of their political beliefs or economic status. This preoccupation with the red bogey probably explains why, after almost three years, he has been unable to bring to justice the lynchers of four negroes in the small community of Monroe County, Georgia, one of the most dastardly atrocities in our nations history. As for calling Federal employees 'disloyal' if they are members of HCLC it is significant that TOM CLARK is a defendant in a suit filed by O. JOHN ROGGE, former Assistant Attorney General, which declares that this same loyalty order is unconstitutional because it denies the Constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech, thought and association. In my opinion TOM CLARK is misusing the power and dignity of his office to deprive us of our Civil Rights contained in our own Constitution."

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In addition, DAVIS described himself as a member of the HCLC who had "recently joined". Part of this statement was set out in the HONOLULU RECORD in its edition of May 5, 1945 in an article by DAVIS appearing on page 5, columns 1 and 2. Again, in this article, he admitted that he had joined the HCLC. In this article he further states:

"I have learned that alone neither I nor anyone else who faces discrimination can get his guarantees of freedom and equality and justice and so I have worked with others who have the same goal of democracy for all regardless of color, religion, national origin or economic status. As long as I am convinced they are genuinely interested for the fight for complete equality, I shall join hands with Republicans, Democrats and Communists; with Baptists, Catholics and Holy Rollers . . . . ."

Confidential Informant [ ] reported that DAVIS was present at the May 2, 1949 meeting of the HCLC which was the first meeting following the press announcement that the organization had been listed by the Attorney General as a Communist organization. According to informant, subject at this meeting urged the HCLC to take TOM CLARK to court for listing the HCLC as subversive and suggested that the HCLC immediately vote to affiliate itself with the Civil Rights Congress. He stated:

"We are going to have to keep on fighting no matter who calls us Communists or how often, until we have gained our rights."

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He referred to Attorney General TOM CLARK as a typical prejudiced Texan and said that the placing of the HCLC on the subversive list was for the purpose of splitting ranks. [ ] reported that at the HCLC meeting of May 16, 1949, DAVIS was introduced as the guest speaker of the evening. ROBERT GREENE, in introducing the subject, stated that he would speak on the program of the Civil Rights Congress, an organization which the HCLC "has now considered being affiliated with".

DAVIS, in his talk, outlined his affiliations with the Civil Rights Congress and said he was a member of its National Board and had been active in the organization in the State of Illinois. Following his talk he was presented with a picture of PAUL ROBESON by GOTTFRIED SEITZ. Upon receipt of the picture, DAVIS showed it to the audience and said, "This is the great one".



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The HONOLULU RECORD in its edition of May 19, 1949, in a front page article on the HCLC meeting of May 16, 1949, appeared the following regarding the speech of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS:

"Saying that 'there is no need to fear affiliation with an organization that is labled by TOM CLARK', whom he said has the Bilbo and Rankin mentality, Mr. DAVIS explained that leading writers, artists, educators, scientists, trade union leaders and others, have constantly supported the Civil Rights Congress in its fight for equality and freedom because these things cannot be enjoyed separately by a few."

VI. CONNECTIONS WITH THE HONOLULU RECORD

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that when DWIGHT JAMES FREEMAN, organiaer of the Communist Party of Hawaii, addressed the California State Convention of the Communist Party in Los Angeles, California on July 18, 1948, he stated that the Communist Party in Hawaii planned to begin publication of a weekly newspaper in Hawaii in the near future. The first issue of a weekly paper appeared in Honolulu on August 5, 1948 under the name of the HONOLULU RECORD. The President and Editor was listed as KOJI ARIYOSHI who was at one time described by ICHIRO IZUKA as an "extremely clever propagandist for Communist causes".

[ ] who admitted to Confidential Informant [ ] that she is a member of the Communist Party, identified KOJI ARIYOSHI as a member of the Communist Party to this informant.

On February 23, 1949, California State Senator, JACK B. TENNEY, Chairman of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, appeared before a joint session of the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii. TENNEY at that time described the HONOLULU RECORD as the "Hawaiian mouthpiece of the Communist Party".

[ ] observed the subject on the afternoon of January 20, 1949 at the printing plant of the HONOLULU RECORD, 811 Sheridan Street, where he was assisting in folding, cutting and preparing the paper for the mails. This informant noted many prominent members of the Communist Party present on this occasion and stated that they had all volunteered their services in preparing the HONOLULU RECORD for distribution. In this regard he noted among those present, CHARLES FUJIMOTO, publicly admitted head of the Communist Party of Hawaii.

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Informant also noted subject's presence at the HONOLULU RECORD plant on January 27, 1949 where he was assisting in preparing the paper for distribution.

[ ] advised that on February 26, 1949, DAVIS was present at a HONOLULU RECORD benefit party held at the AFL hall in Honolulu. He was overheard saying on this occasion that more than 25 subscriptions to the HONOLULU RECORD were cancelled due to the recent speech of California State Senator JACK B. TENNEY. On this occasion, he was observed in almost constant conversation with ILWU Regional Director [ ] who has been identified as a member of the Territorial Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Hawaii in 1946 by [ ]

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Informant reported that the subject assisted in preparing the HONOLULU RECORD for mails on the following additional occasions:

2/17/49	3/31/49
2/24/49	4/21/49
3/17/49	4/28/49

On all of these occasions, informant identified many members of the Communist Party assisting in this endeavor.

[ ] has informed that the subject and his wife were among the group who spent the day of April 10, 1949 in canvassing for subscriptions for the HONOLULU RECORD. He said that following their work, the group retired to the home of [ ]. Others present included CHARLES [ ] FUJIMOTO, [ ]

[ ] and the FUJIMOTOs have been identified as members of the Communist Party by [ ] was identified as a member of the Communist Party by [ ] who made this identification to [ ] Special Agents CHARLES H. TAPPAN, JOHN P. McHUGH and RICHARD C. CRANE identified [ ] as attending Communist indoctrination classes at the home of [ ] during February and March, 1949. [ ] who is an organizer for the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, was reported as a member of the Communist Party by Confidential Informant [ ] who stated in May, 1945, [ ] had just been elected a member of the Executive Board of the Seaman's Club of the Communist Political Association in San Francisco.

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[ ] further advised that on May 29, 1949 subject again spent the day in soliciting subscriptions for the HONOLULU RECORD.

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#### VII. WRITINGS AND STATEMENTS

There appeared in the HONOLULU ADVERTISER paper of December 14, 1948, an article on the subject shortly after his arrival in Honolulu. This article quoted him as saying, "Hawaii has gone much further along the Democratic road than any other section in the world".

In the HONOLULU RECORD of December 16, 1948, there was a front page article on the subject and in this article DAVIS claimed he was misquoted on his interview which appeared in the HONOLULU ADVERTISER. He said what he had really stated was, "Hawaii has gone much further along the Democratic road than any other section of America". He pointed out "there is a slight difference".

On Page 5, of the HONOLULU RECORD of January 13, 1949, there was an article and accompanying photo of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, entitled, "ANGLO-SAXON CULTURE IS NOT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE". In this article he laments the fact that various racial groups in the Islands are throwing aside their culture and are becoming "mere rubber stamp proponents for the ideas and customs of western Europe as revised by the mainland . . . . ."

"To be a typical Haole (white person) means to have contempt or hate for negroes or Jews and, yes, even Orientals and Polynesians . . . . ."

The HONOLULU RECORD in its edition of January 27, 1949, on page 5, carried an article by DAVIS entitled, "TYPICAL HAOLE WAYS NEGATE DEMOCRACY". An editor's note preceding the article, said that DAVIS would explain what he meant by "typical haole" as it was set forth in his last article. The subject pointed out the following things which he said "are objectionable attitudes of the typical mainland haole which negate the democracy our nation claims".

- "(1) Anti-Semitism
- (2) Jim Crow or negro discrimination
- (3) Prejudice against Orientals
- (4) Feeling of white supremacy

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There appeared in the HONOLULU RECORD on February 10, 1949 an article by the subject on page 5, columns 1 and 2, in which he referred to JOHN REINECKE as follows:

"Dr. REINECKE is, himself, an excellent example of the mainland haole who has been a liberalizing force here".

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[redacted] previously referred to, has advised that [redacted] has been one of the leading members of the Communist Party in Hawaii for many years. In 1945 [redacted] was a member of the group who re-activated the Communist Party in Hawaii. He was chairman of the Kaimuki Club of the Communist Party, a member of the Territorial Executive Committee and membership-director of the Communist Party in Hawaii in 1946. The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Instruction for the Territory of Hawaii concluded on October 29, 1948 after thirty-three days of trial and hearing that [redacted] is a member of the Communist Party, does not possess the ideals of Democracy and there is reasonable doubt as to his loyalty to the United States. He was dismissed as a teacher and his teacher's certificate was revoked.

The HONOLULU RECORD of March 10, 1949 carried an article by DAVIS entitled, "HULA SONGS ARE TOO SWEET". In complaining about modern Hawaiian music, subject said:

"If most of the dripping, super-sweet, gutless sounds from Ukuleles and guitars mirrored the attitude of Island people, then the big five and preservers of the cast system have not a worry in the world. There is little in Island music to suggest the struggle of organized labor, of housewives for cheaper prices, of the plain people for better housing or of ethnic and national groups for complete equality."

There appeared a front page article in columns 2 and 3 of the HONOLULU RECORD of March 17, 1949 by DAVIS. excerpts are set forth as follows:

~~DAVIS SEES THREAT TO ALL IN NEW ANTI-RED PROPOSAL~~

"Again the un-American committee seeks to live up to its name by driving another spike into the coffin of democracy. It has just proposed

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"legislation in congress to deprive all U.S. born Communists of their citizenship."

"I refuse to be kidded into believing this is merely an attack on Communism. I know better. This is an assault on the civil rights of you and me, no matter what our political beliefs. If this move is successful, the un-American Committee will then be able to train its guns on any group it cares to liquidate. I cannot feed on this committee's Red herring."

"The real issue is whether we shall again allow powerful interests to make a mockery of democracy when it suits their selfish purpose."

"Just what is a Communist anyway? To the un-American Committee, a Communist is anybody who proposes equality for all citizens regardless of color, religion or national origin; who believes sincerely in the rights of organized labor, who opposes our tremendous military budget and preparatory for war, who objects to aid to reaction abroad, who believes the United Nations can be made to function and that peace can be maintained without intimidation between America and Russia. That would get a lot of us."

The HONOLULU RECORD carried an article by the subject in the April 14, 1949 edition on page 5, columns 4 and 5. In this article he attacked the proposed un-American Activities Bill before the Territory of Hawaii legislature. He stated:

"Our Territorial institutions of residential restrictions, dual wage standards for haoles and non-haoles, of discrimination against negroes and orientals, of low wages and high profits, must be maintained. They are part of our system. Anybody who opposes these institutions is a Communist and therefore, un-American".

There was an announcement in the HONOLULU RECORD of May 12, 1949 that DAVIS would write a weekly column headed, "Frank-LY Speaking". This said that his column would appear on the editorial page in space formerly devoted to "A Point of View" by W. K. BASSETT, who would not be able to continue his column because of the pressure of work.

BASSETT, who is the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor of Honolulu, was identified as a member of the Communist Party by Confidential Informant [ ] of San Francisco, California in 1935.

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In that edition of the HONOLULU RECORD, there appeared the subject's column on page eight, column 4, together with his picture. Excerpts from this column are as follows:

"For a nation that calls itself the champion of democracy, our stupendous stupidity is equalled only by our mountainous ego. Our actions at home and abroad are making American democracy synonymous with oppression instead of freedom."

He went on to state that the Marshall Plan billions are being used by European countries in crushing rebellions against white imperialism in Asia and Africa. The column ended as follows:

"We may as well face it. The oppressed peoples of the world are not looking to our Wall Streeters, our brass hats, our Trumans or our Vandenbergs for liberation. These leaders had their chance - and muffed it."

The subject's column "FRANK-LY SPEAKING" which appeared in the May 19, 1949 edition of the HONOLULU RECORD, was devoted to supporting the striking stevedores of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union - CIO.

The following week, on May 26, 1949, in his column, the subject severely criticized PHIL MURRAY and the top leadership of the CIO, while praising HARRY BRIDGES and the ILWU. Again on June 2, 1949, the subject devoted his column in the HONOLULU RECORD in supporting the ILWU strike. He severely criticized the HAWAII CITIZENS COMMITTEE in their efforts to break the strike and said:

"I believe this strike and the vicious hate propaganda directed against the ILWU and the working people have made many persons realize for the first time that the loud cry of 'subversive and Communist' is a device used by the haves to block the onward march of the have-nots and maintain the status quo".

In the subject's column of the June 9, 1949 edition of the HONOLULU RECORD, he objected to statements made over the local radio by a real estate broker whom he alleged said that "Human rights and property rights are identically the same."

DAVIS in his column, stated:

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"And, finally, don't many people turn to Communism because the owners of slum property live in big mansions and use their rental income to help fight low cost housing? Because they haven't got the money to own homes due to the low wages paid by the wealthy corporations who resist every legitimate plea for higher pay?"

Subject's column in the June 16, 1949 edition of the HONOLULU RECORD was devoted to the trial of the three negro soldiers on Guam accused of the murder of RUTH FARNSWORTH. He stated:

"I do not pretend to know all the facts. But I am sickeningly aware of the way in which negroes have been brutalized and even legally murdered for crimes they never committed. They have been framed because they opposed white supremacy or to serve as examples by which to hold others in subjection . . . . .

"It is painfully clear that segregation and discrimination to maintain white supremacy are the real policies of the governing apparatus. TRUMAN has given only lip service to his own civil rights program; his real energy has been expended in getting acceptance of the Atlantic pact, more Marshall plan funds and other legislation which help maintain European empires at the expense of exploited dark colonial peoples."

VIII. PARTICIPATION IN THE HONOLULU BRANCH  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE  
(NAACP)

Confidential Informant [ ] previously referred to, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the NAACP, advised that until the late Fall of 1947, or early, 1948, the Honolulu Branch of the NAACP made an obvious effort to remain free of Communist infiltration.

However, Confidential Informant [ ] advised that when EILEEN FUJIMOTO attended the Communist Party Training School in San Francisco during the Fall of 1947, she conferred with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National



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Chairman of the Communist Party, USA. On September 16, 1947, FOSTER told EILEEN FUJIMOTO that the problem of Statehood for Hawaii is second only to the negro problem.

[ ] advised that during the first few months of 1948, there was a definite effort on the part of the "Communist faction" of the NAACP to admit known Communists to membership in this organization. He reported these efforts materialized at the meeting of July 11, 1948, when several known Communists were elected to the Executive Committee. These were:

[ ] Identified member Communist Party Executive Committee in 1946 by [ ]

CHARLES FUJIMOTO

Publicly admitted head of the Communist Party in Hawaii

[ ] Identified as a member of the Communist Party by Confidential Informant [ ]

[ ] Identified as a member of the Communist Party by Confidential Informant [ ]

Reported to be a member of the Communist Party by [ ] who stated he had received this information in September, 1941 from [ ]

Confidential Informant [ ] advised the subject attended the NAACP meeting on February 4, 1949. He made a speech at this meeting in which he pleaded with the local chapter to end its "inter-organizational bickering" and to fight for the passage of a Territorial civil rights bill as well as cease to discourage members because of their political beliefs. He cited cases of NAACP branches on the mainland which had been split over the Henry Wallace Third Party movement. He stated that the NAACP branches, and especially Honolulu's, should encourage and enlist the support of any group which it felt "was closer to promoting the aims of the NAACP". He was asked to advise the NAACP what action it should take in regard to the enlistment of members of the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist Party. He stated that the KKK was not a problem in that its members would hardly join such an organization as the NAACP. Concerning the Communist Party, DAVIS circumvented a direct answer, but pleaded with the local NAACP to enlist members whose actions and affiliations "more closely followed those of the NAACP". He stated that the NAACP should never frown upon persons regardless of their political beliefs.



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Informant [ ] noted that subject left this meeting with CHARLES FUJIMOTO and in FUJIMOTO's automobile.

[ ] pointed out the December, 1948 election of the President of the NAACP had resulted in a tie between ALFRED STACY, who was supported by the Communist element and LUTHER WIDEMAN, supported by the non-Communist element. A re-election held on February 4, 1949 again resulted in a tie between these two men. [ ] advised that following the meeting of February 4, 1949, DAVIS reported he had sent a letter to his friend, ROY WILKINS of the NAACP, New York City Headquarters. He said he gave WILKINS a true picture of the NAACP elections in Honolulu. He stated that the head office may delegate him to conduct another election in Honolulu.

[ ] ascertained that Mrs. CATHERINE CHRISTOPHER, Acting President, NAACP, recommended to the parent body that the charter of the Honolulu Branch be withdrawn. Part of her letter in this regard is as follows:

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"The benefits to be gained in a progressive NAACP here are out-weighed by the fact that it will be used inevitably as a tool for local Communists and fellow travelers, thereby negating any good work the local branch could achieve."

The local press carried a notice on May 19, 1949 that the Acting Secretary of Branches in the National Headquarters in New York, had recommended to the Board against withdrawing the charter of the Honolulu Branch.

[ ] reported in May, 1949 that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was taking credit for the recent decision of the National Board of the NAACP not to withdraw the charter of the Honolulu Branch. DAVIS claimed that he was in constant touch with ROY WILKINS, whom he claimed keeps him informed of all correspondence sent to the home office from Hawaii.

The subject's column in the HONOLULU RECORD on May 26, 1949 carried the following comments of his regarding the NAACP in Honolulu:

"I have been amazed and shocked by certain persons in the local branch who, if they cannot dominate the group and turn it aside from its militant struggle for equality, would use the Communist bogey to kill it. I am glad that national officials have not bought this false bill of goods."

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"As for myself, I will back the locally elected NAACP leadership be it Catholic or Protestant, Republican, Democrat, Socialist or Communist, so long as I am convinced that leadership will actively and sincerely fight to end discrimination and for the establishment of complete Democracy in these Islands."

#### IX. FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that on December 10, 1948, two days after his arrival, the subject contacted [ ] Regional Director of the ILWU who has been identified as a member of the Territorial Executive Committee, Territory of Hawaii by [ ] said he had been looking forward to meeting the subject and they arranged a conference for the following morning.

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[ ] previously referred to, stated that on December 11, 1948, the subject and his wife were dinner guests at the home of [ ] and [ ] has also been identified as a member of the Communist Party by [ ]

On December 29, 1948, [ ] informed [ ] that DAVIS was at [ ] house developing pictures. As was previously pointed out, [ ] who was the chairman of the HCLC during 1948, was identified as a member of the Communist Party by [ ] an admitted member.

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Confidential Informant [ ] was present on March 10, 1949 when [ ] invited the subject and his wife to a reception for [ ] organizer for the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union. As previously set out, [ ] reported in May, 1945 that [ ] had just been elected a member of the Executive Board of the Seaman's Club, Communist Political Association, in San Francisco. According to [ ] advised that he was going to invite [ ] and [ ] to this reception. [ ] has been identified as a member of the Communist Party by [ ] while [ ] has been described as the chairman of the Communist Party for the Territory of Hawaii for 1946 by [ ]

[ ] advised Confidential Informant [ ] that she and [ ] had been to dinner at the home of subject and his wife on April 7, 1949. On October 29, 1948, the Board of Commissioners of the

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Department of Public Instruction concluded that [ ] was a member of the Communist Party. She was also identified as a member of the Communist Party by [ ]

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Confidential Informant [ ] has advised that DAVIS is known to be friendly with CHARLES FUJIMOTO, admitted Communist Party head in Hawaii.

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[ ] has stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and his wife are very good friends of [ ] and are frequent visitors in each others homes. The [ ] were both identified as attending Communist indoctrination classes at the home of [ ] during February and March, 1949 by Special Agents CHARLES H. TAPPAN, RICHARD C. CRANE and JOHN P. McHUGH.

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Confidential Informant [ ] has identified [ ] as the organizer of the Communist Party of Hawaii and informed that [ ] was the Membership Director of the Communist Party for Alameda County California prior to the time she and her husband arrived in Hawaii in October, 1946.

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ENCLOSURE: TO THE BUREAU

One picture of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS taken December, 1948

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LEADS

HONOLULU FIELD OFFICE

AT HONOLULU, T.H.

subject.

Will continue efforts to obtain handwriting specimens of the

Will follow and report his Communist activities.

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SOURCE

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Highly confidential source who made this information  
available to SA HERBERT C. POHLMAN and DON C. SWANSON  
on 5/26/44

Highly confidential source who made this information  
available to SA JOHN P. McMAHON and DON C. SWANSON  
on May 22, 1945

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TEMPORARY SYMBOLS WERE ASSIGNED TO THE  
ABOVE INFORMANTS TO FURTHER CONCEAL THEIR  
IDENTITIES.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 4-22-97 BY SP4/BK/10X

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 20, 1949 *Wm 3-1**Jam* : SAC, HonoluluSUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS  
INTERNAL SECURITY-C*Maker  
K-F end**Prepared  
8-2-49  
vde*

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent WADE E. KNAPP dated July 15, 1949 at Honolulu, T.H., in the above captioned case. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS is being considered a key figure in the Honolulu Office in view of his activities as a propagandist for the Communist Party in Hawaii through his writings in the HONOLULU RECORD. He has been identified as a member of the Communist Party in Chicago and was active in numerous front organizations. He was formerly Executive Editor of the Chicago Star.

In Honolulu he has taken an active interest in the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee, a Communist front listed by the Attorney General coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

His photograph was submitted as an enclosure with referenced report. No handwriting specimens of the subject are available at this time but an effort is being made to secure the same.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

HONOLULU

KC FILE 100-8520

Report made at Date when made Period for which made Report made by ebc  
KANSAS CITY, MO. 8-12-1949 7-28,29-49 CHARLES G. CLEVELAND

TITLE CHARACTER OF CASE  
FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS INTERNAL SECURITY - C 103-1.2

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject attended Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, 9-17-23 to 5-25-24. Guardian listed as Mrs. BOGONEY. Grades were poor in four out of seven subjects. His date of birth was shown on the school records as 12-31-05 at Arkansas City, Kansas. He also attended Arkansas City High School, Arkansas City, Kansas, 9-6-20 to 4-29-23. Average grades and no information concerning parents in the records. Investigation Arkansas City failed to locate anyone who recalled Subject and no information concerning family available.

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REFERENCE:

Letter dated July 20 from Honolulu to Kansas City.

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DETAILS: DATE 4-22-97 BY SP4 Bja/BK

Referenced letter requested that this office check the school records of Subject in order to ascertain the correct date of birth and information regarding Subject's parents. Also if any handwriting specimen was available it should be obtained and furnished the FBI Laboratory. It was pointed out that Subject is a Negro and is married to [redacted] aka [redacted] who is a member of the White race.

Approved and Special Agent in Charge Do not write in these spaces

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Copies of this report:

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2 KANSAS CITY

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STAR-SEC

MRS FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

No interest to 8-31-49 PLC

KC 100-8520

AT WICHITA, KANSAS

Investigation reveals that Subject enrolled at Friends University as FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS on September 17, 1923 and withdrew on May 25, 1924. While there his grades were poor and he failed in four out of seven of the subjects studied during that year.

A review of the records of that school reveals that he listed under the heading of "parent or guardian" the name "Mrs. BOGONEY", with no further identifying data. The university record reveals that his birth was December 31, 1905 at Arkansas City, Kansas, and was of the Baptist faith. There was no further information contained in the file and no one could be located at the school who recalled Subject as having attended that institution.

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[redacted] of the Arkansas City High School, Arkansas City, Kansas, after checking his records reported that Subject as FRANK DAVIS enrolled at that school on September 6, 1920 and was graduated on May 29, 1923. His grades were slightly below average and showed that he had failed in English in his second year of high school. There was no information contained in the file concerning Subject's parents and his date of birth was again shown as December 31, 1905, at Arkansas City, Kansas.

Investigation in the neighborhood of 1014 North Summit, Arkansas City, Kansas, which is the residence as indicated on the Friends University records of Subject failed to reveal anyone who recalls Subject or anyone knowing anything about a Mrs. BOGONEY.

A check of the records of the Arkansas City, Kansas, Police Department and of the Arkansas City Retail Credit Association failed to reveal any information concerning Subject or one Mrs. BOGONEY.

The City Directory and Telephone Directory as well as the records of the Kansas Electric & Gas Company were checked for information concerning Subject and Mrs. BOGONEY with negative results.

There were no handwriting specimens available at either the High School or Friends University.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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SERIALIZATION.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office

Memorandum

UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : Director, FBI (Attn: FBI Laboratory)

DATE: September 27, 1949

FROM : SAC, Honolulu

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bufile 100-328955)

*Postmark  
10-14-49  
CR-112*

For completion of the Bureau's file in this case, there is enclosed herewith a photographic copy of subject's Selective Service file, containing both handprinting and handwriting specimens. This may be retained in the Bureau files.

1 Encl.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 4-22-97 BY SP4 Bja/PK

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

*Portion of specimen  
added H.F.F.  
10-7-49  
H.D./KAP*

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# Series IV.—OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY

INSTRUCTIONS.—All registrants shall fill in statement No. 1 in this series. Every registrant who is now working shall fill in all statements in this series except No. 9. Every registrant who is now prevented from working merely because of some seasonal or temporary interruption shall fill in all statements except statements numbered 2 through 8 in this series.

As used in this series, words such as occupation, work, and job apply to services rendered in any endeavor and to training or preparation for any endeavor.

1. I am working at present.  
(Am, am not)
2. The job I am working at now is (give full title, for example: Construction draftsman, turret-lathe operator, stationary engineer, farm laborer, prosecuting attorney, physics teacher, medical student, policeman, marriage license clerk, etc.):  
Feature Editor
3. I do the following work in my present job (be specific—give a brief statement of your duties): selection and editing of news and features, reporting, rewriting, photographing, publicity
4. I have done this kind of work for fourteen years.  
(Length of time)
5. My average weekly earnings in this job are \$ 37.00. (Confidential.)
6. In this job I am ☒ an employee, working for salary, wages, commission, or other compensation.  
(Put an X in one box) ☐ an independent worker, working on my own account, not hired by anyone, and not hiring any help.  
☐ working for my father or for the head of my family, but receiving no pay.  
☐ an employer or proprietor hiring        paid workers.  
(Number)  
☐ a student preparing for
7. My employer is: Associated Negro Press  
(Name of organization or proprietor, not foreman or supervisor)  
3507 South Parkway, Chicago  
(Address of place of employment—street or R. F. D. route, city, and State)  
whose business is national news service  
(For example: Farm, airplane engine factory, retail food store, W. P. A.)
8. Other business or work in which I am now engaged is NEWS SERVICE  
(If none, write "none")

APR 15 1943

Budget Bureau Approval No. 22-2004-42

## REGISTRANT'S AFFIDAVIT—FAMILY STATUS AND DEPENDENTS

Local Board No. 82 61  
Chicago City 731  
082  
3855 South Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois  
(Local Board Date Stamp and Code)

Order No. 1131  
Name: Frank Marshall Davis  
(First) (Middle) (Last)  
3559 Vincennes Ave.  
(Number and street or R. F. D. route)  
Chgo Cook Ill  
(City or town) (County) (State)

## NOTICE TO REGISTRANT

You are directed to fill out this form and mail it to the above local board on or before the date shown below. Be sure that it is complete in every detail and that your signature is properly notarized.

This affidavit must be returned on or before APR 16 1943, 19

State of Illinois  
County of Cook ss:

## FAMILY STATUS AND DEPENDENTS (Confidential except as to names and addresses).

1. I am— ☐ single; ☐ widower; ☐ divorced;

(Put an X in the correct box) ☒ married. We were married at Atlanta, Georgia on July 12, 1931  
(Place) (Date)

☐ I live with my wife. We have lived together continuously since , 19

☒ I do not live with my wife. Her address is 1804 New Hampshire Ave., N. W.  
Washington D. C.

Explanation She has accepted civil service appointment in Washington temporarily. Will be transferred back here soon.

2. I have 00 children (my own or adopted) under 18 years of age. Of these children, live with me in my home.  
(Number) (Number)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who lives in a family group and contributes to the support of that group shall fill in statement No. 3. "Family group" as used in this statement means two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, who live together.

3. The following is a list of all members of the family group in which I live (list yourself first):

NAME	Sex	Date of birth Mo. Day Yr.	Relationship to me	Total amount earned by each person in past 12 months	Total amount of all other income re- ceived by each per- son in past 12 months	Total amount con- tributed by each person to the family group in past 12 months
Frank Marshall Davis (Enter your own name on above line)	Male	12 31 '05	Self	\$2,000	—	\$2,000
Thelma B. Davis		5 8 '03	wife	none	—	none

Type of course

School

Date you expect to complete course:

**YOUR PRESENT JOB** (If you are now working or if you have a job.)

**18. TITLE OF YOUR PRESENT JOB:**

(See instruction 4.)

(If you do not have a job, write "unemployed"; if a full-time student, write "student.")

Executive Editor

**19. Length of experience**

at this type of work: Yrs. 15 Mos. ....

Date began: 1927

**20. DUTIES OF YOUR PRESENT JOB:**

(See instruction 5.)

edit, write and supervise gathering and writing of news and features throughout the organization

**21. Product(s) you work on or**

produce or service you perform news and features

**22. Machine(s) operated or**

tool(s) used (if any)

typewriter

**23. PRESENT EMPLOYER:**

Name of company or proprietor

Associated Negro Press

(If working for yourself, write "self-employed")

Address of place of work

3507 South Parkway

Chicago

Cook

Illinois

(Number and street or rural route)

(City or town)

(County)

(State)

BUSINESS: (Give specific kind of factory, mine, public utility, store, or other establishment or business where you work.)

national news service

Division or branch in which you work

editorial

**JOB FOR WHICH YOU ARE BEST FITTED**

(Describe the kind of work you think you are best fitted to do at present. This may or may not be the same as your present job given above. If none, write "none.")

**24. TITLE OF JOB FOR WHICH YOU ARE BEST FITTED:**

(See instruction 4.)

newspaper editing and writing

**25. Length of experience**

at this type of work: Yrs. 15 Mos. ....

Date began: 1927

Date ended:

26. Is this job the same as your present job? ☒ Yes. ☐ No. If "No," fill in item 27.

**27. DUTIES OF JOB FOR WHICH YOU ARE BEST FITTED:**

(See instruction 5.)

Editing, writing, supervising news and feature gathering and writing for a newspaper or news service

**JOB FOR WHICH YOU ARE NEXT BEST FITTED**

(Describe the kind of work you think you are next best fitted to do. If none, write "none.")

**28. TITLE OF JOB FOR WHICH YOU ARE NEXT BEST FITTED:**

(See instruction 4.)

publicity, public relations

**29. Length of experience**

at this type of work: Yrs. 5 Mos. ....

Date began: 1937

Date ended:

30. Is this job the same as your present job? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If "No," fill in item 31.

**31. DUTIES OF JOB FOR WHICH YOU ARE NEXT BEST FITTED:**

(See instruction 5.)

Writing and obtaining space and time for publicity purposes in press, radio, etc.; maintaining goodwill between public and institution represented

Jan. 15, 1943

Local Board No. 82	61
Chicago City	731
	082
3856 South Parkway	
Chicago, Illinois	
(LOCAL BOARD DATE STAMP WITH CODE)	

JAN 19 1943

**OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION  
FOR REGISTRANTS DEFERRED BY  
REASON OF DEPENDENCY**

To Frank Marshall Davis Order No. 1131  
(Name of registrant)

For the purpose of obtaining current information on your present employment, you are requested to fill out this form and have it certified by your employer. This form should be completed, certified, and returned to your local board at the address stamped above, on or before January 20, 1943

Priscilla D. Loney  
(Miss) Priscilla D. Loney, Chief Clerk

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE REGISTRANT**

- (1) The job I am now working at is (give full title, such as construction draftsman, automatic turret-lathe operator, dairy farm hand, stationary engineer, shipping clerk, salesman, etc.).

Executive Editor

- (2) I do the following kind of work in my present job (be specific—give a brief statement of your duties)

Edit, supervise preparation of news for newspapers  
through nation — same duties as managing editor

- (3) My employer is Associated Negro Press  
(Name of organization or proprietor, not foreman or supervisor. If working for yourself, write "self-employed")

3507 South Parkway, Chicago  
(Address of place of employment—Street or rural route, city, and State)

- (4) The business in which I work is national news service  
(Give specific kind of farm, factory, mine, public utility, store, or other establishment or business where you work)

Frank Marshall Davis  
(Signature of registrant)

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE EMPLOYER**

(If the registrant is self-employed, this certification of employer should be completed and signed by the registrant.)

- (1) The principal product or service of this business is Gathering and distributing news  
(Describe specifically, aircraft, railroad transportation, public accounting, milk and butter, etc.)

Serving by newspapers  
(Describe specifically, aircraft, railroad transportation, public accounting, milk and butter, etc.)

I, Claude A. Barnett  
(Name of person certifying)

, do hereby certify that the above statements of the registrant and employer are correct.

Associated Negro Press  
(Firm name)

Claude A. Barnett  
(Signature of person certifying)

## STATEMENTS OF THE REGISTRANT

### Series I.—IDENTIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. My name is (print) Frank Marshall Davis  
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)
2. In addition to the name given above, I have also been known by the name or names of \_\_\_\_\_
3. My residence is 3559 Vincennes  
(Number and street or R. F. D. route)  
Chicago Cook Illinois  
(Town—City, town, or village) (County) (State)
4. My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Town) (Exchange) (Number) (If you have no phone, write "None.")  
Atlantic 3819
5. My Social Security number is 337-16-3458 (If none, write "None.")

### Series II.—PHYSICAL CONDITION (Confidential)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. To the best of my knowledge, I have no physical or mental defects or diseases. If so, they are \_\_\_\_\_  
(Have, have no) (List defects or diseases here)
2. I am not an inmate of an institution. If so, its name is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Am, am not) (Name of hospital, prison, or other institution)  
and it is located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Give address)

### Series III.—EDUCATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. I have completed 9 years of elementary school and 13 years of high school.  
(Number) (Number)
2. I have had the following schooling other than elementary and high school (if none, write "None"):

Name of Vocational School, College, or University	Course of Study	Length of Time Attended
<u>Kansas State College</u>	<u>Journalism</u>	<u>3½ years</u>

Series VII.—DEPENDENCY (Confidential except as to names and addresses of claimed dependents.)—Continued

7. Of the amounts contributed by me to dependents listed above, only \$ none contributed to  
(If none, write none)  
\_\_\_\_\_, was in payment for my own board and/or lodging.  
(Name of dependent)
8. The income I earned from my work in my business, occupation, or employment during the past 12 months was \$ 1,250
9. My income from all other sources during the past 12 months was \$ none
10. The following is a list of all property owned by (or held in trust for) either me or my dependents, the value of such property, and the net income received by either me or my dependents from such property during the past 12 months: (List this information separately as to the registrant and each dependent. Do not include clothing, personal effects, or household furnishings; or cash less than \$500. Indicate which of such property is your home.)

Name of person	Type of property	Value after deducting encumbrances	Net income from such property

11. I do rent the house in which I live. If so, the monthly rent is \$ 32.50, and the name and address of  
(Do, do not)  
my landlord is John C. Catherwood, 1426 East 61st Street, Chicago

12. Other facts which I consider necessary to present fairly my own status and that of my dependents as a basis for my proper classification are: (If none, write "None.") My wife was operated on at Provident Hospital in January, 1939, and is currently under the care of a physician. She also has no parents.

INSTRUCTIONS.—With respect to any dependent (other than the registrant's own wife, child, parent, or grandparent) whose support the registrant has assumed, attach to this page a statement explaining why and under what circumstances the registrant assumed such person's support. Such statement will then become a part of this Questionnaire.

SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT OF DEPENDENTS OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE

INSTRUCTIONS.—If convenient, each dependent over 18 years of age except the registrant's wife shall swear to (or affirm) the following affidavit. The registrant shall furnish the Local Board a separate affidavit from each such dependent who does not sign the affidavit below. Blanks for this purpose will be supplied by the Local Board on request.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_, ss:

We the undersigned do solemnly swear (or affirm) each for himself and herself individually, that we have read or had read to us the foregoing statements under the heading "DEPENDENCY"; that we understand the same; that we are named as dependents; that the statements contained therein as to the name, age, residence, relationship, and dependency of each of us toward said registrant, and the statements of his contributions and the contributions by other persons to the support of each of us, and the statements of the financial and material condition of each of us, and of the income of each of us from all sources, are true.



**EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF REGISTRANT'S WIFE.**

6. My wife is working at a job for pay.  
(Is or is not)
7. She is employed by U. S. Civil Service as typist  
(Employer) (Position or kind of work)
8. Her average earnings are \$ 1,440 per year Her Social Security No. is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Week, month, or year)
9. She was last employed on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
(Date employment ended—if never employed, so state)
- by \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of wife's former employer) (Wife's former position or kind of work)
10. She left her employment for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Voluntarily—discharged—state reasons)

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF REGISTRANT.**

11. The job I am now working at is executive editor  
(Give full title of your job, such as construction draftsman, automatic turret lathe operator, dairy farm hand, stationary engineer, salesman, etc.)
12. I do the following kind of work same as managing editor—supervise gathering, writing and release of news—do rewriting and reporting of news and features  
(Be specific in giving description of your duties—state exactly what you do)
13. My employer is Associated Negro Press  
(Name of company or proprietor—if working for yourself, write "self-employed")  
3507 South Parkway, Chicago  
(Address of place of employment—street, rural route, city, and State)
14. The business in which I work is news syndicate  
(Give specific kind of farm, factory, mine, public utility, transportation, store, or other establishment or business in which you work)
15. I have worked at this job since September, 1935 My average earnings are \$ 50 per week  
(Date) (Week, month, or year)

**REGISTRANT'S AFFIDAVIT**

INSTRUCTIONS.—1. Every registrant shall make the registrant's affidavit. 2. If the registrant cannot read, the questions and his answers thereto shall be read to him by the officer who administers the oath.

I, Frank Marshall Davis, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the registrant named and described in the foregoing statements in this affidavit; that I have read (or have had read to me) the statements made by and about me, and that each and every such statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge,

information, and belief. The statements made by me in the foregoing are in my own handwriting.  
(Are, are not)

Registrant sign here Frank Marshall Davis  
(Signature or mark of registrant)

\*Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 1943

Irene Roland Conner  
(Signature of officer)  
Notary Public  
(Designation of officer)

\_\_\_\_\_, officer authorized to administer oaths generally, any member of the Selective-Service System, any

**Series XIII.—STUDENTS, PRESENT MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES, CERTAIN OFFICIALS, ETC.**

**INSTRUCTIONS.**—Every registrant who is a member of one or more of the groups named in this series shall check the appropriate item or items, and shall supply any further information called for under the item or items checked.

I am at present:

- ☐ A college or university student, having entered upon attendance for the academic year 1940-1941 at \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of college or university) on \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day), 1940. This college or university is located at \_\_\_\_\_ (Place). I am pursuing a course of study involving NONE (Number) hours attendance per week leading to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of degree or certificate). I \_\_\_\_\_ (Do, do not) request that if I am selected for training and service, my induction be postponed until the end of the present academic year, which ends on \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day), 1941.
- ☐ A commissioned officer, warrant officer, pay clerk, or enlisted man of the Regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Public Health Service, the federally recognized active National Guard, the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Regular Army Reserve, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, the Naval Reserve, or the Marine Corps Reserve; my rank or commission is \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of service).
- ☐ A cadet, United States Military Academy; midshipman, United States Naval Academy; cadet, United States Coast Guard Academy; man who has been accepted for admittance (commencing with the academic year next succeeding such acceptance) to the United States Military Academy as cadet, to the United States Naval Academy as midshipman, or to the United States Coast Guard Academy as cadet, and whose acceptance is still in effect; cadet of the advanced course, senior division, Reserve Officers' Training Corps or Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps; I am \_\_\_\_\_ (A cadet, midshipman, or accepted for admittance) in \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of corps, academy, etc.).
- ☐ The Governor of a State or Territory, a member of a legislative body of the United States or of a State or Territory, a judge of a court of record of the United States or of a State or Territory or the District of Columbia; my office is \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRANT'S STATEMENT REGARDING CLASSIFICATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS.**—It is optional with registrant whether or not he fills in this statement, and failure to answer shall not constitute a waiver of claim to deferred or other status. The local board is charged by law to determine the classification of the registrant on the basis of the facts before it, which should be taken fully into consideration regardless of whether or not this statement is filled in.

In view of the facts set forth in this Questionnaire it is my opinion that my classification should be Class \_\_\_\_\_ (See Instructions, page 1)

The registrant may write in the space below or attach to this page any statement which he believes should be brought to the attention of the Local Board in determining his classification.

*I believe that I should be placed in class 3, because my wife is a dependent*

**REGISTRANT'S AFFIDAVIT**

**INSTRUCTIONS.**—1. Every registrant shall make the registrant's affidavit. 2. If the registrant cannot read, the question and his answers thereto shall be read to him by the officer who administers the oath.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

FD-122  
(10-19-49)

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 11/28/49

FROM : SAC, Honolulu

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Tabbed  
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

xx The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

ALIASES FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

RACE WHITE SEX MALE NATIVE BORN YES NATURALIZED YES ALIEN NO

COMMUNIST NO SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY NO INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE NO

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) NO

TAB FOR DETCOM xx TAB FOR COMSAB NO

DATE OF BIRTH 11-1-1919 PLACE OF BIRTH NEW YORK

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 100-328953

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) 100-328953

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of Oahu Papers, Room 3, Pier 7, Honolulu, T. H., and

Columnist for The Honolulu Record, 811 Sheridan St., Honolulu, T. H.

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FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS  
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Your file #100-5082  
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Reurlet dated 3-16-50.

Your request for a copy of subject's income tax return for the year 1949 is not being forwarded to the Treasury Department at this time in view of the likelihood that 1949 returns from the Territory of Hawaii have not been processed by the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. as yet. The Bureau has experienced some difficulty in the recent past in obtaining income tax data for the year 1948. It is desired that you withhold your request for a period of about six months and resubmit it at the end of that period.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau File 100-328955)

DATE: 3/16/50

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The Bureau is requested to obtain a photostatic copy of the income tax return of the above captioned Subject or his wife for the year 1949 when this becomes available.

Subject's wife was born as [redacted] She has also been known as [redacted]

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Subject and his wife reside between Punaluu and Hauula, Oahu, and receive their mail in care of the Post Office at Hauula, Oahu.

Subject was not known to be gainfully employed during 1949 but claims to be an Associate Editor of the ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS. He is also a poet.

His wife, while not employed, was known to have sold around \$40,000.00 worth of stocks and bonds during the year 1949.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>HONOLULU</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/16/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/31; 2/1, 2, 20, 21, 25/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WADE E. KNAPP</b>
TITLE <b>FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject has bought a house near Punaluu on windward Oahu. In January 1950 he took out a license to do business as OAHU PAPERS in the retail and wholesale of paper and has office space at Room 3, Pier 7, Honolulu. [redacted] in an attempt to interest an informant in joining the Communist Party, told him that if he ever needed any money to get in touch with FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. [redacted] said DAVIS has financially helped him and others. Subject continues to write a weekly column for the "HONOLULU RECORD," which closely follows the Communist Party line. In recent months has condemned loyalty oaths, "big business," the Atlantic Pact, Greece-Turkey aid, CIO leadership, the Truman administration, and the conviction of the 11 Communist Party leaders, while upholding the Communist Party, Soviet Russia, PAUL ROBESON, [redacted] and the ILWU. Subject was appointed Chairman of the Legal Action Committee of the HCLC, a Communist front, for 1950.

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DETAILS:

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that in January of 1950 FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS purchased the house next to where he had been living, near Punaluu, Windward Oahu, for \$9,500.00 from [ ]. Informant advised that this house is located between Kaliuwa and Punaluu, Oahu, in what is known as the Kapaka District. He said that Subject continues to use the mailing address of Hauula Post Office.

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Subject's purchase of the property at this location was verified through the Bureau of Conveyances of the Territory of Hawaii. The records of that Bureau disclosed that Subject and his wife had purchased this property on January 18, 1950 and it is officially described as Lot 23 of Map 3, Land Court Application 124, Kapaka, District of Koolauloa, City and County of Honolulu.

Records of the Territorial Tax Office reflect that this Subject, as FRANK M. DAVIS, took out a license to do business as \* OAHU PAPERS, which he said was to engage in the wholesale and retail sale of paper. He furnished his business address as Pier 7, Room 3, Honolulu, T. H. It was noted that this license permitted Subject to start business as of January 1, 1950.

Subject's business address was verified through Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, who stated that DAVIS is sharing office space with [ ] who operates the company GENERAL HOUSE MOVERS. Informant noted that in February 1950 Subject was in the office of the "HONOLULU RECORD" soliciting orders from [ ] for reams of mimeograph and onionskin paper.

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[ ] also advised that Subject continues to write a weekly column for the "HONOLULU RECORD" newspaper but apparently is not paid for this.

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II. BACKGROUND

Birth records of Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois, checked by Special Agent JACOB H. SCHMIDT on September 14, 1949, reflect Subject's wife was born as [redacted] on [redacted] at [redacted] Illinois. Her parents were NORDAHL GUSSE SNOW, born in Hartford, Connecticut and MARGARET SNOW, born in Manistee, Michigan. Her mother, who now uses the name of MARGARET PECK, is believed to be residing at 231 Randolph Avenue, Milton, Massachusetts at the present time.

[redacted] Illinois, advised Special Agent SCHMIDT that Subject's wife was later adopted by GERALD W. PECK, now deceased, who had married her mother. Investigation in the Chicago area reflected that Subject's wife has been known by the following names: [redacted]

Records of the Bureau of Health, Territory of Hawaii, reflect that on [redacted] a daughter, [redacted] was born to the Subject and his wife in [redacted]

III. FINANCIAL STATUS

Records of the Bishop National Bank, Honolulu, as made available by Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, reflect that a joint bank account was opened by FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and [redacted] on December 18, 1948. The account was opened with a deposit of a \$2,000.00 check of [redacted] on the Northern Trust Company, 50 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois. Later a check dated March 4, 1949 and drawn by [redacted] on the Northern Trust Company in favor of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS in the amount of \$23,000.00 was deposited to their account. From March until November of 1949 there were only a few small deposits; however, on November 14 there were two deposits of \$3,000.00 each. On November 18 there was a deposit of \$1,000.00.

[redacted] Assistant Comptroller, Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, advised Special Agent RAYFORD M. SHELTON on

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April 15, 1949 that Subject's wife had acquired a number of securities by inheritance from her step-father, GERALD W. PECK. He stated that as of February 24, 1949 [ ] had a high account of [ ] at the Northern Trust Company, while the balance of this account as of August 15, 1949 was [ ]

It was noted that the joint account maintained by the Subject and his wife at the Bishop National Bank, Honolulu, as of February 23, 1950, had a balance of \$2,680.00. [ ] stated that from the checks drawn by the Subject during January and February 1950 it is apparent he is completely furnishing the house that he bought on Windward Oahu.

[ ] previously referred to, advised that on January 2, 1950 [ ] admitted his membership in the Communist Party to this informant and said he had been one of the hardest working Comrades of the Communist Party in Hawaii. He approached [ ] with the idea of getting him to join the Communist Party, and made an effort to describe to informant some of the work of the Communist Party in Hawaii. [ ] told him that if he ever needed any money he should get in touch with FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. He said that he and his wife would have had to leave Hawaii long ago if it had not been for financial aid they received from DAVIS. He warned informant to "keep it quiet" but to remember that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS is very kind about lending money and is the man to see if informant ever needs financial help. He went on to state that DAVIS "has been very kind to others we know who were up against it."

#### IV. WRITINGS IN THE "HONOLULU RECORD"

A review of the "HONOLULU RECORD" newspaper, which is published every Thursday in Honolulu, reflects that the Subject continues to write a weekly column for this paper, which always appears in Column 4 on Page 8 and is captioned "frank-ly speaking" and carries the Subject's picture.

It will be recalled that on February 23, 1949 California State Senator JACK B. TENNEY, Chairman of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, appeared before a joint session of the Legislature

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of the Territory of Hawaii and referred to the "HONOLULU RECORD" as "the Hawaiian mouthpiece of the Communist Party."

In Subject's column in the "HONOLULU RECORD" of June 23, 1949 he objected to the loyalty oath as contained in a bill passed by the Territorial Legislature requiring all Territorial employees to support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and swear they are not and have not been at any time within the five years preceding the day of the oath a Communist or member of the Communist Party. In this regard he stated:

"As for the denial of membership in the Communist Party, this is based on the assumption that this organization is 'subversive, un-American' and 'against the best interests of the nation.' However, the truth of this premise has not been established and will not be until so declared by the United States Supreme Court. Until the Communist Party is legally decreed illegal and a subversive conspiracy, it is due to have the same status as any other political party..."

In his column on June 30, 1949 he objected to Senator HUGH BUTLER'S report to Congress on statehood for Hawaii in which BUTLER stated that Communism is a menace. DAVIS commented as follows:

"I don't know about you, but I personally am tired of the wolf cry of Communism raised by those in power to justify their refusal to grant equality, whether to a territory, a minority group, or an individual. And I am not alone in this stand. Increasing numbers of Americans are becoming angered when they are thrown the same old smelly Red herring each time they ask for a helping of democracy."

Subject in his column of July 14, 1949 said that it is obvious that the national economy is heading for a depression that could be the most drastic our nation has ever experienced. He claimed "Big Business" in order to maintain their tremendous profits has been preparing

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for a new world war. He went on to state that large corporations must sell their products to other countries of the world, but in order to insure being able to take out their "super-profits they must control these foreign governments just as they do their own." Still speaking of "Big Business" he said:

"By controlling our own government, they have had the U. S. brazenly intervene in the internal affairs of Western Europe and oust the Communists and Left Socialists from policy making positions. They did this by the lure of gold which was sorely needed by such influential nations as France and Italy who were impoverished by the same war that fattened American corporations. Despite its high sounding phrases the Marshall Plan has been a device to maintain high profits for U. S. industry."

In this same column, in speaking of growing unemployment in the United States; DAVIS states:

"Now it would be possible to increase production and re-hire many of the jobless if our economic rulers reversed their decision and decided to do business with the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia and other nations with governments not to their liking. But since they cannot control the economies of these peoples, they have turned thumbs down..."

Subject's column in the "HONOLULU RECORD" on July 21, 1949 was captioned "Depression and War." Excerpts from this column are as follows:

"Basically, the attitude of Big Business is this: 'Go along with our determination to make super-profits or else face liquidation. We shall call you "Communists" and then destroy you, for we have already fooled the public into believing that Communism is synonymous with subversion...'"

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In this column he goes on to condemn the Atlantic Pact which he terms

"a slick method of insuring dividends on private investments while aiming a gun at the hearts of those who suffer from or are opposed to oppression and exploitation."

His column on July 28, 1949 was the third in a series captioned "Depression and War." In this column he stated that "Big Business" in America must plan for the systematic elimination of people and forces who stand in opposition to their ruthless drive to conquer the world. In this regard he states:

"The propaganda organs of Big Business have made Communism synonymous with all that is vile and evil..."

"Meanwhile, J. Edgar Hoover's FBI seems to have turned into an agency to spy upon those who disagree with the status quo and the policies of Big Business."

In his column on August 11, 1949 Subject states:

"Two distinguished Americans are leading the resistance movement against the drive of Big Business toward World War III as a way out of the new depression and for the preservation of tremendous profits through global domination. They are Henry A. Wallace, former Vice-President, and Paul Robeson, singer and actor."

DAVIS goes on to state that PAUL ROBESON was misquoted when he said "American Negroes would never go to war against Russia." Later in this same column DAVIS states:

"But what has been most encouraging to the fighters for peace has been the reaction of the Negro people who, acting on the same distorted reports, have

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"rejected the 'me too, boss' attitudes of their so-called leaders and have written letters to the Mainland press, both Negro and white, supporting the alleged stand of Robeson."

Subject then goes on to state that what ROBESON really said was that Negroes would not "join in a war of aggression against Russia." In this regard, DAVIS states:

"There is no desire among the Negro masses to strengthen the hands of their own oppressors. The feeling is growing that if there must be fighting let it be against the Dixiecrats, the northern perpetrators of such raw deals as the frame-up of the Trenton Six in New Jersey and those who use the happenstance of color to restrict job opportunities and housing."

DAVIS in his column on August 18, 1949 attacked the policy of the top CIO leadership, saying:

"Currently the CIO officially backs the double-talking Truman administration with its program for World War III, if necessary, to bail Big Business out of a depression. Murray and his boys have allied themselves with the gigantic trusts and monopolies, thus strengthening the hands of those who have been organized labor's bitterest enemies."

In this same column DAVIS attacks Greek-Turkey Aid, the Marshall Plan and the Taft-Hartley Act and goes on to state:

"But there are bright spots on the dark labor horizon. Among them are the refusal of such unions as ILWU, Marine Cooks & Stewards, Farm Equipment, United Electrical Workers, Mine, Mill & Smelters and a few others to march to self-destruction with Murray, Walter Reuther, Emil Rieve and the rest of the labor traitors."

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On August 25, 1949 DAVIS in his column suggested that a shorter work week and higher minimum pay should be established to provide more jobs and living wages. This article criticizes huge spending for armaments and the amount given to aid the "corrupt regime of CHIANG KAI-SHEK." He goes on to call for trade with Russia, Eastern Europe and "liberated China." Again he asks for rejection of the Atlantic Pact and the Marshall Plan.

The "HONOLULU RECORD" on September 1, 1949 carried DAVIS' column, which he devotes to explaining why there is growing sentiment in favor of the Communists. In this regard he states:

"An amazingly large number of Negroes have observed that the forces who shout loudest about the Communist menace are the same forces who won't extend equal rights to minority groups."

His column on September 8, 1949 was devoted to upholding the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union in their waterfront strike, while condemning the employers.

On the following week, September 15, 1949, he devotes his column to the attack on PAUL ROBESON at Peekskill, New York. He states:

"This was fascism, American style. It had the silent backing of Governor DEWEY... It has the silent backing of President Truman, Democrat, whose loyalty order, witch-hunts and promotion of Tom Clark to the Supreme Court indicate his real attitude on civil rights."

His column on September 22, 1949 was captioned "Cold War in Church" and was on the subject of Rev. JOHN HOWARD MELISH, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn, New York. DAVIS states:

"Dr. Melish is a victim on the religious front, of a Truman administration that talks like an angel and acts like the Devil. The cold war policies of the bi-partisans, administered by their thought-control

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"police, are aimed against such Negroes as Paul Robeson, who think American democracy could learn about race relations from Russia, against such labor leaders as Harry Bridges, who oppose Taft-Hartley and the imperialistic Marshall Plan, and against such pastors as Dr. Melish, who believes the Soviet Union and the United States can live peacefully in the same world."

On October 20, 1949 DAVIS denounces the conviction of the 11 Communist Party leaders in New York and their attorneys, and states:

"And now, having gotten convictions of the 11 top Communist leaders for unpopular thoughts and having already labeled all moves for any change in the status quo of discrimination, bad housing, inadequate health protection and rising unemployment as 'Communitistic,' the stage has been set for cracking down on those who disagree with John Rankin, William Randolph Hearst, and the National Association of Manufacturers."

"In the longshore strike I feel close to the ILWU which has been isolated through propaganda as a minority 'acting contrary to the best interests of the majority of the Territory'..."

"And so now I feel strong sympathy for the Communist minority who are being oppressed for their political beliefs. I don't like to see people getting kicked around by the big guys on top. This is what I shall always fight against."

Subject's column on November 10, 1949 was captioned "End of an Era" and it severely criticizes the present leadership of the CIO as displayed by their actions at the National Convention at Cleveland.

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In his column on November 24, 1949 he states:

"Anti-Communist hysteria is today at an all time high in America. The conviction of the 11 top Communist Party leaders is a natural follow-up of the President's loyalty order which grew out of the Truman doctrine--a series of events unthinkable a few years ago. Theoretically, reaction should have a bellyful. It ought to be satisfied to sit back and relax for a while.

"But instead, the forces of reaction grow bolder and stronger with each victory. The banner of anti-Communism is a high one; they all ride under its big, bright folds. 'I hate Reds' is a kind of national password; utter it and you can get by with almost anything."

DAVIS, in his column of December 1, 1949, points out that Federal Judge GEORGE B. HARRIS of San Francisco would not have found VINCENT HALLINAN, lawyer for HARRY BRIDGES, guilty of contempt if Judge MEDINA had not established a precedent in the New York case of the eleven convicted Communist Party leaders. DAVIS said he could not condemn the jury in New York for its verdict of guilty due to the evidence and arguments Judge MEDINA allowed it to hear, from the openly hostile and belittling attitude toward the defendants and their counsel, and from the hysteria. DAVIS said that the jury would have lost their jobs and perhaps suffered physical violence if they had returned any other verdict.

He devoted his article on December 8, 1949 to his impressions of Hawaii after being here one year. He states:

"I have long felt especially friendly toward organized labor. I have paid dues to both the American Newspaper Guild, CIO, and the American Federation of Radio Artists, AFL...

"I have also learned that if you fight too hard for civil rights, whether on the Mainland or in Hawaii,